(ii) Computerisation of Registration Sorting work in the mail offices;

(iii) Computerisation of Transit Mail Offices in a phased manner;

(iv) Segmentation of mail into various channels, called green Channel, Metro Channel, Rajdhani Channel, Business Channel etc.;

(v) Regular monitoring of mail processing system and delivery work;

(vi) Live Mail Survey at regular intervals both in rural and urban areas to streamline mail transmission and delivery system.

Telephone connections in the villages

2020. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages still without telephone facilities in the country, state-wise;

(b) whether Government have a time bound programme to provide telephone facilities in these villages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) About 2.49 lakhs villages are still left without telephone facilities in the country as on 1-3-2000. State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Government plans are to provide telephone facility in all the remaining villages by end of 9th Five year Plan *i.e.* March, 2002 as per following programme:

Year	Target for the Deptt.of Telecom services
1999-2000	45000
2000-2001	70000
2001-2002	95100

Private Fixed Service Providers share is 56615 Village Public Telephones.

Statement

Villages without Telephone Facility as on 1-3-2000

State	No. of villages without telephone facilities
Andaman & Nicobar	28
Andhra Pradesh	6096
Assam	8371
Bihar	56674
Gujarat	4202
Haryana	43
Himachal Pradesh	7399
Jammu & Kashmir	3146
Karnataka	1963
Kerala	0
Madhya Pradesh	27470
Maharashtra	11055
Goa	36
Arunachal Pradesh	3011
Manipur	1710
Meghalaya	4443
Mizoram	152
Nagaland	632
Tripura	232
Orissa	25447
Punjab	603
Rajasthan	15153
Tamil Nadu	51
Uttar Pradesh (East)	32011
Uttar Pradesh (West)	17549
West Bengal	21212
Sikkim	164
Delhi	0
Total	248953